

Delbert & Lello

Lesson 28, Unit 6

The Promise of Heaven

LETTERS ABOUT WEAKNESS

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Suggested setting: Prophets & Promises puppet sketches adapt to any setting such as a garden, forest, or farm. Once or twice a year, a set change or addition to the set is recommended for added interest. Decorate with colorful flowers, butterflies, birds, and ladybugs. Puppets can pop out from behind a window, hedge, tree hollow, stonewall, etc. For a simple, portable puppet stage, puppets pop up from behind a colorful blanket hung on a rod, or from a card table turned onto its side. Adjust setting and puppet names according to available puppeteers and resources. In Units 5 and 6, Posty the parrot pops up from a mailbox or a nest.

Characters: Delbert, the donkey and Lello, the lamb are good friends who are always excited to hear Bible stories about God. The Leader is the children's teacher or worship leader dressed in regular clothing or in costume consistent with the set (a gardener, forest ranger, etc.) The leader helps children focus on puppets, and leads group interaction with puppets. Units 5 and 6 introduce a new puppet, Posty, the parrot. He wears a lanyard to carry letters from Delbert's Uncle Donny to the mailbox (or nest).

Sound Effects (SFX): bird chirps and/or flapping wings for Posty's entrance

Props: Preprinted letter folded and attached to Posty's lanyard:

*Dear Delbert and Lello,
Yesterday I found this letter in the Bible from Paul. It helped me tell some new friends about God's love. I hope it helps you, too!*

*Love,
Uncle Donny*

*Dear brothers and sisters,
When I came to you I didn't come with fancy words or great wisdom. I preached to you the truth about God's love... When I came to you, I was weak and afraid and trembling all over... As I preached, the Holy Spirit showed His power. That was so you would believe not because of human wisdom but because of God's power.*

*Love,
Paul*

Leader (Stands at puppet stage.)
It's time to call for Lello. Repeat after me, "Hellohhhhhhhhhhh Lello!" (Children repeat and Lello, the lamb pops up.)

Lello (bleats)
Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy. I was just telling some of the baby lambs about Jesus.

Leader
That's great, Lello!

Lello
Ohhh...yeah. I told them all about God's love, but I'm afraid I didn't do it very well. I didn't use fancy words. I hope the lambs understood. (SFX: bird chirps or flapping wings)

Leader
It sounds like Posty is here!

Posty (Posty the parrot pops up at nest or mailbox with the letter)
You've got mail!
I deliver without fail!

Lello
Yeah! Hi, Posty! It's a letter from Delbert's Uncle Donny! (To leader.) Would you read it to me?

Leader
Of course. It says,

**Dear Delbert and Lello,
 Yesterday I found this letter in the Bible from Paul. It helped me tell some new friends about God's love. I hope it helps you, too!
 Love,
 Uncle Donny**

Lello
Oh boy. May I read Paul's letter?

Leader
Here you go. (Holds letter for Lello)

Lello (reading)

**Dear brothers and sisters,
 When I came to you I didn't come with fancy words or great wisdom. I preached to you the truth about God's love. When I came to you, I was weak and afraid and trembling all over. As I preached, the Holy Spirit showed His power. That was so you would believe not because of human wisdom but because of God's power.
 Love,
 Paul**

Baa, Paul was weak and afraid?

Leader
Yes! And when Paul was weak and afraid, God's power helped the people believe!

Lello
Yeah. Maybe God will help the baby lambs, too. His power is so strong.

Posty
**Little ones to Him belong.
 They are weak but He is strong.**

Leader
That's right Posty. And that reminds me of my favorite song.

Lello
Yeah! Jesus loves me! Boys and girls, sing it with me!

Lello, Leader and children
(singing)
**Jesus loves me this I know.
 For the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to Him belong,
 They are weak but He is strong.**

Posty
**So long and goodbye!
 It's time to fly!**

Lello
Bye Posty. I've gotta take this to Delbert, and we'll tell the baby lambs how much Jesus loves them! Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader
**Bye, Lello. Bye, Posty.
 (All exit.)**